

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-122. (Canceled)

123. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving via a tuner in a set-top terminal (STT) a video stream comprising a video-on-demand (VOD) presentation, the video stream received over a bi-directional communication network from a server of a cable television;

outputting by the STT a first portion of the VOD presentation as a television signal;

receiving at the STT a first user input associated with bookmarking a visual scene of the outputted first portion;

responsive to the first user input, storing in a memory of the STT information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene without interrupting the VOD presentation;

responsive to storing the information in the memory, providing by the STT feedback that the bookmarking of the visual scene has occurred, wherein providing the feedback comprises, while outputting the first portion of the VOD presentation, overlaying a displayed portion of the VOD presentation with one of the following: a banner and an icon indicating that the visual scene has been bookmarked;

receiving at the STT a second user input that follows the first user input, the second user input received during the VOD presentation following an initial output of the first portion;

responsive to receiving the second user input, ~~the STT requesting by the STT~~ over a bi-directional communication medium the VOD presentation beginning from the bookmarked visual scene;

receiving at the STT the VOD presentation, the VOD presentation received from the server beginning from the bookmarked visual scene; and

outputting by the STT a second portion of the VOD presentation, beginning from the bookmarked visual scene, as [[a]] the television signal.

124. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein outputting the first portion corresponds to a first time proximal to [[the]] a beginning of the VOD presentation.

125. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 124, wherein outputting the second portion corresponds to a second time proximal to [[the]] an end of the VOD presentation.

126. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 125, wherein outputting the first portion and the second portion comprises outputting during a single VOD session.

127. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein outputting the first portion and the second portions portion comprises outputting to a display device.

128.-131. (Canceled)

132. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein storing in the memory of the STT information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene comprises storing the information includes including a default bookmark name that is user-configurable.

133. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein storing in the memory of the STT information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene comprises storing the information includes including a representative image of the visual scene.

134. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein storing in the memory of the STT information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene comprises storing the information includes including a thumbnail of the visual scene.

135. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein storing in the memory of the STT information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene comprises storing the information includes including a representative image of the visual scene and a thumbnail of the visual scene.

136. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein storing in the memory of the STT information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene comprises storing the information includes including a start time of the visual scene in relation to [[the]] a beginning of the VOD presentation.

137. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein storing in the memory of the STT information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene comprises storing the information includes including a start time of the visual scene in relation to an accessible starting point of the VOD presentation.

138. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 137, wherein storing the information including the start time of the visual scene in relation to the accessible starting point of the VOD presentation comprises storing the information including the start time of the visual scene in relation to the accessible starting point comprises comprising a chapter.

139. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 137, wherein storing the information including the start time of the visual scene in relation to the accessible starting point of the VOD presentation comprises storing the information including the start time of the visual scene in relation to the accessible starting point comprises comprising a duration of the visual scene.

140. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 137, wherein storing the information including the start time of the visual scene in relation to the accessible starting point of the VOD presentation comprises storing the information including the start time of the visual scene in relation to the accessible starting point ~~comprises comprising~~ a time and date that a user created the bookmark.

141. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 137, wherein storing the information including the start time of the visual scene in relation to the accessible starting point of the VOD presentation comprises storing the information including the start time of the visual scene in relation to the accessible starting point ~~comprises comprising~~ an identification of a user that created the bookmark.

142. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 123, further comprising receiving a plurality of user inputs configured to assign a plurality of respective character sequences corresponding to a plurality of respective visual scenes that were bookmarked responsive to a plurality of respective user inputs.

143. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, further comprising: receiving a third user input corresponding to a request for ~~one or more at least one portion~~ of the information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene~~[,]~~; and providing the requested at least one portion of the information responsive to receiving the third user input.

144. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein further comprising after expiration of a rental access period corresponding to the video VOD presentation, prompting a user to provide input indicating whether the information is to be deleted from the memory of the STT.

145. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein further comprising after expiration of a rental access period corresponding to the video VOD presentation, automatically discarding the information.

146. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123, wherein the second user input requesting the visual scene corresponds to a thumbnail image corresponding to the visual scene, the thumbnail image being simultaneously provided with a plurality of thumbnail images corresponding to a plurality of visual scenes in the video VOD presentation.

147. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 123, further comprising providing by the STT an indication whether there are user-created bookmarks.

148. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a set-top terminal (STT), comprising:

 a tuner configured to receive a video stream comprising a video-on-demand (VOD) presentation, the video stream received over a bi-directional communication network from a server of a cable television;

a memory storage; and
a processor processing unit coupled to the memory storage, wherein the processing unit is configured to:

output of a first portion of the VOD presentation as a television signal;

receive at the STT a first user input associated with bookmarking a visual scene of the outputted first portion;

retrieve by the STT a data structure containing pre-assigned bookmark names for various scenes of the VOD presentation;
provide by the STT, without interrupting the VOD presentation,
the pre-assigned bookmark names for selection;

receive at the STT a second user input indicative of one of the following: a selected pre-assigned bookmark name of the provided pre-assigned book mark names and a user-customized name to be associated with the visual scene;

responsive to the first second user input, storing store in the memory storage information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene without interrupting the VOD presentation;

receive a second third user input that follows the first user input, the second third user input received during the VOD presentation an initial output of the first portion;

responsive to receiving the ~~second~~ third user input, request over [[a]] the bi-directional communication network ~~medium~~ the VOD presentation beginning from the bookmarked visual scene; receive the VOD presentation, the VOD presentation received from the server beginning from the bookmarked visual scene; and ~~outputting~~ output a second portion of the VOD presentation, beginning from the bookmarked visual scene, as [[a]] the television signal.

149. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 148, wherein the memory is configured to store the information as a bookmark, the bookmark comprising ~~one or more~~ at least one bookmark attribute ~~attributes~~ configured as a database record.

150. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 149, wherein the at least one bookmark ~~attributes~~ comprise ~~attribute~~ comprises a default bookmark name that is user-configurable.

151. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 150, wherein the at least one bookmark ~~attributes~~ comprise ~~attribute~~ comprises a representative image of the visual scene.

152. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 151, wherein the at least one bookmark ~~attributes~~ comprise ~~attribute~~ comprises a thumbnail of the visual scene.

153. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 149, wherein the at least one bookmark ~~attributes comprise attribute comprises~~ a start time of the visual scene in relation to the beginning of the VOD presentation.

154. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 149, wherein the at least one bookmark ~~attributes comprise attribute comprises~~ a start time of the visual scene in relation to an accessible starting point of the VOD presentation.

155. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 154, wherein the accessible starting point comprises at least one of the following: a chapter, a duration of the visual scene, a time and date that a user created the bookmark, [[or]] and an identification of a user that created the bookmark.

156. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 148, further comprising the server, the server comprising a quadrature phase shift keying (QSPK) [[QPSK]] compatible device modem and a quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM) [[QAM]] compatible device modem, the QPSK compatible device modem coupled to the STT over the bi-directional communication network medium, the QAM compatible device modem coupled to the STT over the bi-directional communication network.

157. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 148, further comprising a remote control device that communicates a user's commands to the STT.

158. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 148, wherein the remote control device comprises a designated bookmarking button.

159. (New) The method of claim 123, further comprising:
responsive the first user input, providing by the STT a plurality of bookmark lists for selection; and
receiving at the STT a third user input indicative of a designated bookmark list of the plurality of bookmark lists.

160. (New) The method of claim 159, wherein providing by the STT the plurality of bookmark lists comprises providing by the STT the plurality of bookmark lists, wherein each bookmark list of the plurality of bookmark lists is associated with a different user of the STT.

161. (New) The method of claim 159, wherein receiving at the STT the third user input indicative of the designated bookmark list of the plurality of bookmark lists comprises receiving the third input indicative of the designated bookmark list, wherein all subsequent bookmarks of the VOD presentation are associated with the designated bookmark list.

162. (New) The system of claim 148, wherein the processing unit being configured to store in the memory storage information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene without interrupting the VOD presentation comprises the processing unit being further configured to store, within a bookmark list corresponding to a user providing the first user input, information corresponding to the bookmarked visual scene.